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SUN'S LATEST MANIFESTO.

May Appoint Own Customs Officials.

FOREIGN INTERFERENCE UNJUSTIFIED.

WILL SUN TAKE OVER CUSTOMS HOUSE?

Regarding the Canton Customs dispute, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Government has authorized the following statement:

The Chinese Maritime Customs is a Chinese Government Service, and its receipts form part of the national revenues of China. These Customs receipts are pledged for the service of the positive indemnities assessed under the Boxer Protocol and other foreign obligations, after payment of which the balance remaining is known as the "Customs Surplus".

2. In normal circumstances, the Customs Surplus is payable to the Central Government, and it was so paid to the Government at Peking until 1919, when the Constitutional Government, which had been established in 1917 following the illegal dissolution of Parliament and other treasonable acts at Peking, successfully asserted its claim to share in the Surplus to the extent of 13.7 of the whole.

3. This share in the Customs Surplus was paid to the Constitutional Government up to March 1920, when internal differences among the members of the Government led to the suspension of regular payment. Since then the Government at Canton has repeatedly pressed for the resumption of payment until finally, on September 28th, last, a memorandum on the subject was communicated to the Diplomatic Body at Peking in which this Government contended that the disposal of the Customs Surplus was entirely a matter of Chinese concern, being outside the ambit of the competence of the Foreign Powers who were interested in the Customs revenues to the extent only of the foreign obligations charged thereon. The Diplomatic Body were therefore requested to instruct the Commission of Bankers to hand over the Customs Surplus immediately to the Inspector-General of Customs who would then be requested by this Government to divide it proportionately between Canton and Peking and to refund the Surplus accumulated since March 1920.

4. Save for a bare telegraphic intimation on September 28th, that this memorandum was under the consideration of the Diplomatic Body, no reply was vouchsafed to this Government until the 3rd instant, after nearly three months' delay, when the Diplomatic Body called a message stating that they had learned that this Government, without awaiting a reply to the memorandum of September 28th, had threatened to take over temporarily the administration of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton, and informing this Government that the foreign representatives were not prepared to admit any interference with the Chinese Maritime Customs and, in the event of any such attempt being made, they would take such forcible measures as they might deem fit to meet the situation.

5. On the 5th instant, this Government replied that the Chinese Maritime Customs was first and last a Chinese Government Service and was subject, at least with respect to the ports within its territory, to the orders of this Government. The reply went on to state that as its Customs revenues were remitted to Peking and there used so as to release other revenues for the financing of one military expedition after another against it, this Government intended to order the Customs authorities to cease remitting to Peking and retain the funds for local use. It emphasized that no interference with the Customs was contemplated, but that there had been a

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NEWS IN THE ADS.

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routine work of government here. In this way the continuity of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service will be preserved; and any disorganization thereof, in the circumstances, is only likely if the Inspector-General of Customs refuses to co-operate with this Government in the administrative work of the Customs within its territory.

10. This statement would not be complete unless two considerable points were emphasized, one legal and the other moral, in its implication. The first is that foreign obligations, including the Boxer Indemnity, are secured on the revenues and not on the buildings and other corporeal properties of the Chinese Maritime Customs. If, therefore, it becomes imperative for this Government to install any new Customs officials in the administrative and other buildings of the Customs here, the Foreign Powers, as in the case of the Customs Surplus, without any Treaty right to interfere with such a routine act of administration. And they are less entitled to interfere in view of the undisputed fact that the Customs revenues collected outside the territory of this Government being more than ample, to the extent of many millions, to meet all foreign obligations, there is not the slightest prospect of Customs officials here affecting or otherwise endangering the punctual service of all such foreign obligations.

11. The other point is this. The Foreign Powers are mainly interested in the revenues of the Chinese Maritime Customs to the extent and in respect of their respective shares in the Boxer Indemnity. This Indemnity, it must be noted, is the sole punitive or penal sum inflicted on a defeated people which survives from the pre-war period. Indeed, there is no treaty in force today which imposes a similar penalty; even the Treaty of Versailles does not assess punitive but reparatory indemnities against Germany. Further, it must be pointed out that most of the Great Powers America, Britain, France and Japan—are now only interested in the Boxer Indemnity to the extent of seeing that their respective shares are applied to various purposes in the interests of China itself.

12. A brief reference in conclusion must be made to the series of domestic loans mostly floated by the Peking authorities for purposes of either war against the South or corruption and bribery in connexion with sundry presidential elections at Peking. In 1921, these loans were consolidated by the Peking Government and charged on the Customs and Salt Surpluses and the Wine and Tobacco Revenues, the Inspector-General of Customs being placed in charge of the service thereof. The Diplomatic Body, in their reply of December 11th, deals rather summarily with these loans thus: "The Corps Diplomatique are in no way concerned with the service of these loans which was instituted without their having been

THE AFGHAN POSITION.

SOVIET ALLEGATIONS DENIED.

HOPE THAT BRITISH DEMANDS WILL BE MET.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 20.

In connection with the serious situation on the Afghan border, owing to the failure of the Afghan Government hitherto to hand over the murderers of British officers, official quarters in London are more hopeful at present, and are awaiting the result of the Afghan efforts to arrest the criminals. It is hoped the Afghans will fulfil their promises in this connection, otherwise it will be necessary to decide what further pressure is needed.

There is no question of any aggressive British action, although all means available will be employed if the moderate and just British demands be not complied with. The allegation of M. Chicherin that Britain has threatened war on Afghanistan and demanded a rupture of the Russo-Afghan relations is absolutely untrue.

"Uneasiness" in Moscow.

Riga, December 20.

A message from Moscow states that M. Chicherin, interviewed, said that British Eastern interests had been colliding with Russia's for several decades. Britain was endeavouring to obtain absolute hegemony in Central Asia. The British demand towards Afghanistan had created the greatest uneasiness in Moscow's diplomatic circles, as Afghanistan was regarded as the last buffer State between Britain and the Soviet republics.

"REDS" HAVE TROUBLESOME LIEGES.

Riga, December 20.

A message from Moscow declares that the Soviet Press state that owing to numerous bands of Chuchuk's deserters ravaging the Amur districts, and other parts of Manchuria, the Soviet's authority there exists only on paper. It adds that new outbreaks have occurred at Bokhara and Ferghana, whither Red troops have been sent to crush them.

BRITISH MEMBERS OF REPARATIONS COMMITTEES.

Paris, December 20.

The British members of the Reparations Committee on the German Budget will be Mr. Montagu Norman and Sir Josiah Stamp, while Mr. Reginald McKenna will serve the committee to enquire into the question of German capital abroad.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.

London, December 20.

The British-American Tobacco Company reports a net profit of £4,495,000. A final dividend of nine per cent. is declared making twenty-four per cent for the year, as last year. A total of £3,531,000 is carried forward.

THE RESTORATION OF HUNGARY.

Paris, December 20.

It is hoped that Hungary will be restored, after the example of Austria, as a result of an agreement reached by the Council of the League of Nations regarding an international financial scheme with that object.

BIG BELGIAN WIRELESS STATION.

Brussels, December 20.

The King has laid the foundation stone of the wireless station at Ruy-slede, near Bruges, which is expected to be sufficiently powerful to communicate with all the big stations of the world.

JAPANESE METEOROLOGIST HONOURED.

London, December 20.

The Council of the Royal Meteorological Society of Britain has awarded the Symonds gold medal for 1924 to Mr. Takemitsu Okada, director of the Central Meteorological Observatory at Tokyo.

(Reuter's American Service.)

CONFLICTING MEXICAN CLAIMS.

THE USE OF WIRELESS.

Galveston, December 20.

Rebel despatches from Vera Cruz claim that the Federal troops were defeated after eight hours of fighting between Puebla and Tetzelocan. The rebels captured three machineguns, and took prisoner three hundred men. Hard fighting is progressing at Apizaco, an important railway position.

Mexico City, December 20.

Gen. Obregon has told foreign journalists that his enemies refused to give battle either at Vera Cruz or Jalisco, but continually retreated, tearing up the tracks to prevent pursuit, and leaving prisoners and munitions behind. He, however, expected a battle in the west coast state of Jalisco shortly. On the contrary, the rebel leader Adolfo Huerta has broadcasted by wireless a statement declaring that the revolutionaries control the States of Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Puebla, Colima, Jalisco, Zacatecas, Michoacan, Nayarit, Aguascalientes, and Guerrero, adding that the rebels possess forty thousand armed troops, who are fighting spiritedly, without pay.

TOLL OF COLOMBIAN EARTHQUAKE.

Guayaquil, December 20.

A message from Tulcan states that earthquake shocks are continuing. Twelve had been counted within twenty-four hours. It is estimated that the dead total one hundred and fifty, and several hundreds have been injured.

MR. BORAH WANTS WARS ELIMINATED.

Washington, December 20.

Mr. Borah has re-introduced in the Senate his war resolution, which failed to pass the last session, urging the outlawing of all war, and suggesting a judicial substitute in the nature of an International Court.

CANTON OUTLOOK.

Labour and Military Meet.

DR. SUN CABLES MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD.

PROPAGANDA IN HONGKONG.

[BY SPECIAL "TELEGRAPH" REPRESENTATIVE.]

Canton, December 20th.

The situation at Canton for the next week may not be productive of any fresh developments, as until the limit of ten days fixed for a reply by the Inspector-General of Customs at Peking to the Note served on the local Commissioner at Canton, ordering him to retain the surplus and deliver it to the Canton Government when called upon, the Government will endeavour to consolidate its understanding with the Labour Guilds. I have spent the whole day in sounding various officials on this matter, and despite the statements of Tse Ying-pak to the contrary, appearances were such as to lead colour to the belief that in this matter the Government and the Labour people, as represented by the Kuomintang, are moving as one. A certain degree of scepticism is admissible when it comes to considering the claim that unanimity has been reached amongst the various guilds over which Tse Ying-pak wields authority, but it is clear that no efforts have been spared by the leaders to bring the labour organizations into line on the subject. With that aim, one meeting is being held after another, and the new organisation known as the Canton Rehabilitation, Representative, or Educational Society (whatever name one may care to give it) is undoubtedly playing an important part in the endeavours to stir up feeling on the matter.

The first measures, which the labour organisation hopes will facilitate the work of the Canton Government in its negotiations for the retention of the Customs surplus, have been orderly enough. The numerous vernacular organs controlled by Labour interests have published a mass of propaganda, and one statement contained therein is to the effect that the Labour Guilds have taken the situation into their own hands, and, of their own accord, addressed a communication to the American Consul at Shanghai on the subject of the American representation in the naval demonstration on the river. There were hints thrown out of possible repercussions by the labour element as one result if armed force is used. On the other hand, it is of marked interest to note the report also published in these organs that the Japanese diplomatic representative in China may act as an intermediary in the matter of division of the surplus between the two Chinese Governments. I enquired of the Japanese Consul General at Canton and obtained from him a denial that there was any truth in this statement. "Japan is not in the position to act as an intermediary in any case," said the Consul General, with obvious reference to the share Japan has in the protection of the Customs revenues. There is more than a suspicion that this suggestion was thrown out as a "feeler."

LABOUR AND MILITARY MEET.

To bring about that "united front" which is essential for the purposes of the Government, several meetings have been held between the various public and labour organisations in the city, but, so far as I could ascertain, the banquet held at the Hotel Asia last night was the first at which the Labour leaders came into direct contact with the military officials in the matter. I note that amongst those

General Yeung Hi-man, General Tam Yin-ngai, and other high-placed officers who had then just come direct from a conference with Dr. Sun at Headquarters. The Labour party was represented by Tse Ying-pak and others, whilst Li Chi-kwai took the chair in his capacity of President of the Canton Rehabilitation Society. The Civil Administration was represented by Mayor Sun Fo. Another interesting member of the party was Lo Hao-sam, Commander-in-Chief of the Shensi troops, a potential figure in the present military situation. What took place at the meeting is a secret, but I was informed that the talk was mostly of "an informal nature." From a foreign source which took the trouble to ascertain the outcome of the meeting, it was learned that nothing definite was reached.

The Government has been approached by the Labour Party, and Mr. Luk King-fong, who received the deputation, informed me that he had advised them not to do anything unreasonable, as there was talk of a strike being proposed as an alternative to a more amicable solution of the dispute. Tse Ying-pak, commenting on the issuing of the latest Note by the Canton Government, pointed to this possibility occurring after the ten days which he stated was covered by the document. Labour, he said, was acting independently of the Government in the matter.

THE LATEST NOTE.

As to the actual tone of the note dispatched the other day to the Inspector-General of Customs through the local Commissioner at Canton, Mr. Eugene Chen says it was issued purely as a routine matter in the administration of affairs of the Customs over which the Canton Government has unquestioned control. He informed me that "the order to the Inspector-General was couched in the most fitting terms and in the covering letter to the local Commissioner a reasonable period was allowed for compliance with the order."

The point claimed by the Canton Government as a concession on the part of the Diplomatic Body at Peking was the admission that, the balance of the Customs revenues, after all foreign obligations charged on the service of the Customs receipts had been met, was a matter which did not concern the Powers. Its interpretation of this admission gave to the Canton Government its cue to shape its latest Note accordingly, which takes the form of an order to the Inspector-General as a servant of the Chinese Republic, to hand over the surplus.

DIPLOMATIC BODY'S REPLY.

From a reliable source unconnected with the Canton Government I have secured a copy of the full text of the Diplomatic Body's reply to Dr. Sun's original demand, received at Canton on the 14th instant. This reads as follows—

"The conclusion arrived at which it is desired to convey to the notice of the Canton authorities concerned is to the effect that granting or refusal of the claim does not lie within the province of the Corps Diplomatique."

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(United Press Service to the "Telegraph").

WATERWAYS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Senate has voted to investigate the feasibility of connect-
ing the Great Lakes with the Mississippi and thence to the Gulf of
Mexico.

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

Washington, Dec. 20.

Senator Ladd has introduced a resolution calling for the investi-
gation of Secretary Hughes' failure to recognize Russia.

FORD DOES NOT SEEK PRESIDENCY.

Detroit, Dec. 20.

Mr. Henry Ford announces that he will not seek the Presidency
as he is not opposed to President Coolidge.

(Reuter's Service.)

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

London, Dec. 20.

The Westminster Gazette anticipates that British recognition of
the Soviet Government and the reopening of full trade relations will
come soon after the Conservative Government relinquishes office.
It states that important negotiations have been proceeding, from
which it is clear that the Moscow Government will admit its liability
for the pre-war Russian debt to Britain. Russia in return will claim
compensation for damage arising from the Allied support to the
"White" forces after the revolution. She also requires credits as a
preliminary to an agreement.

The paper states that a four hundred thousand sterling contract
for electrical machinery has just been completed with an important
British firm.—Reuter.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

Washington, Dec. 20.

In support of Mr. Hughes' refusal to negotiate with Russia, the
State Department has published intercepted detailed plans from the
Soviet Government to the "Workers' Party" of America, for a
proletarian revolution in the United States to "raise the red flag
over the White House." Part of the programme provided for the
organisation of fighting units, who would be instructed weekly in
shooting and sapper work. The Soviet documents express confidence
that the carrying out of the instructions would give enormous results
in preparing thousands of new propagandists and future leaders of
the military forces of the party, and faithful fighters during the
social revolution.—Reuter's American Service.

THE GOULD MILLIONS.

New York, Dec. 20.

The State Supreme Court has awarded each of the children of
the late George J. Gould \$500,000 from the trust fund created under
their father's will. The Court directed that the money should not be
paid them now, but held pending the end of the present litigation.
It was expressly stated that the Court "assumed, without deciding,"
that the children of the former Guinevere Sinclair, W. O. Gould's
second wife were entitled to a share in the trust left by their grand-
father Jay Gould. The remainder of the estate amounts to
\$3,500,000.—Reuter's American Service.

NORTH POLE BY AIRSHIP.

Lakehurst, New Jersey, Dec. 20.

Commander McCrary of the dirigible Shenandoah says that the
first series of tests in connection with the proposed flight to the
North Pole have been satisfactory. The Shenandoah held steady at
her mooring mast for 24 hours in a wind varying from six to twenty
miles an hour from various points of the compass. The new method
whereby one hundred men might bring down the dirigible instead
of the three hundred hitherto required has also proved successful.
Cables from the dirigible were attached to block and tackle and three
motor trucks slowly brought down the ship.—Reuter's American Service.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

London, Dec. 20.

There are no signs of a decrease in the spread of foot and mouth
disease in Great Britain. Thirty-seven fresh outbreaks of the plague
have been reported making a total of 1,330 premises in the infected
areas. Cheshire is still most seriously affected but the new areas
are Norfolk and Warwickshire. Forty-four thousand cattle, twenty-
thousand sheep and twenty-four thousand pigs have been slaughtered
since the beginning of the outbreak, and £1,225,000 have been paid
as compensation. The Ministry of Agriculture has prohibited hunt-
ing and coursing from the 23rd inst. in all infected areas. Over
thirty counties are affected thereby.—Reuter.

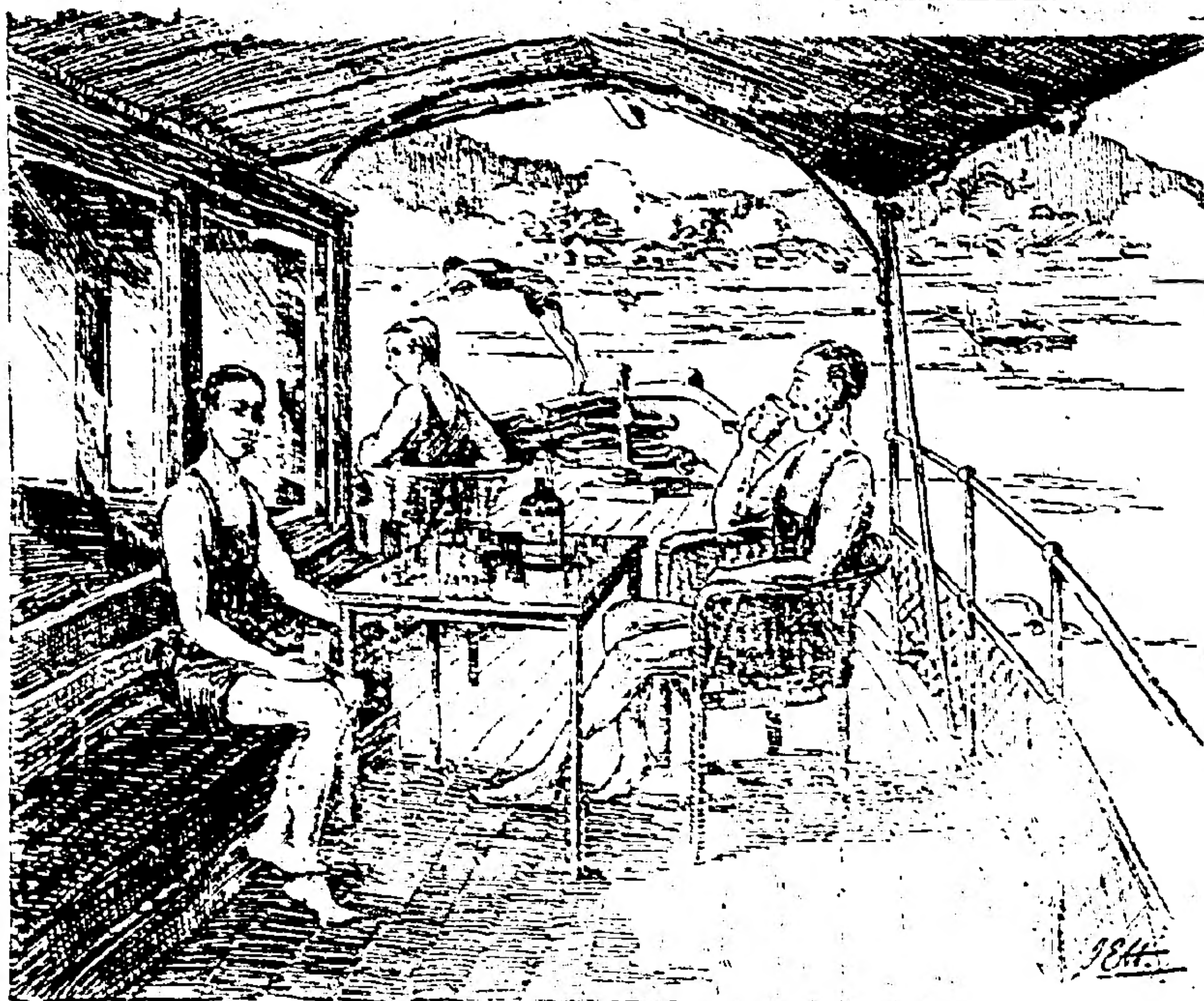
WASHINGTON NAVAL AGREEMENT.

Riga, Dec. 20.

M. Chicherin has sent a Note to the League of Nations, saying
that the Russian Soviet Government, without changing its general
attitude towards the League, is willing to send a representative to
discuss the proposed extension of the Washington Naval Agreement
to States other than the original signatories provided the League
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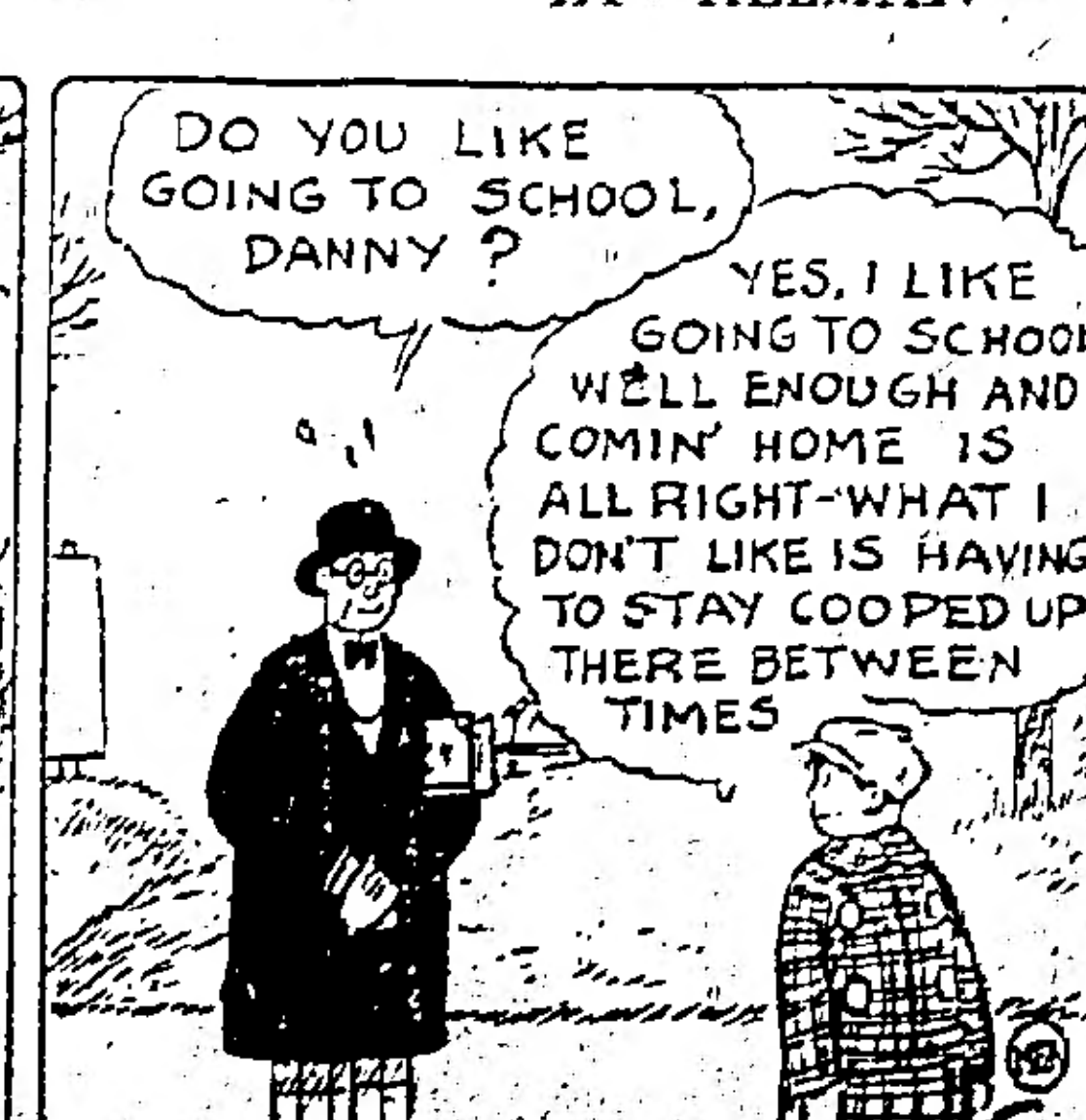
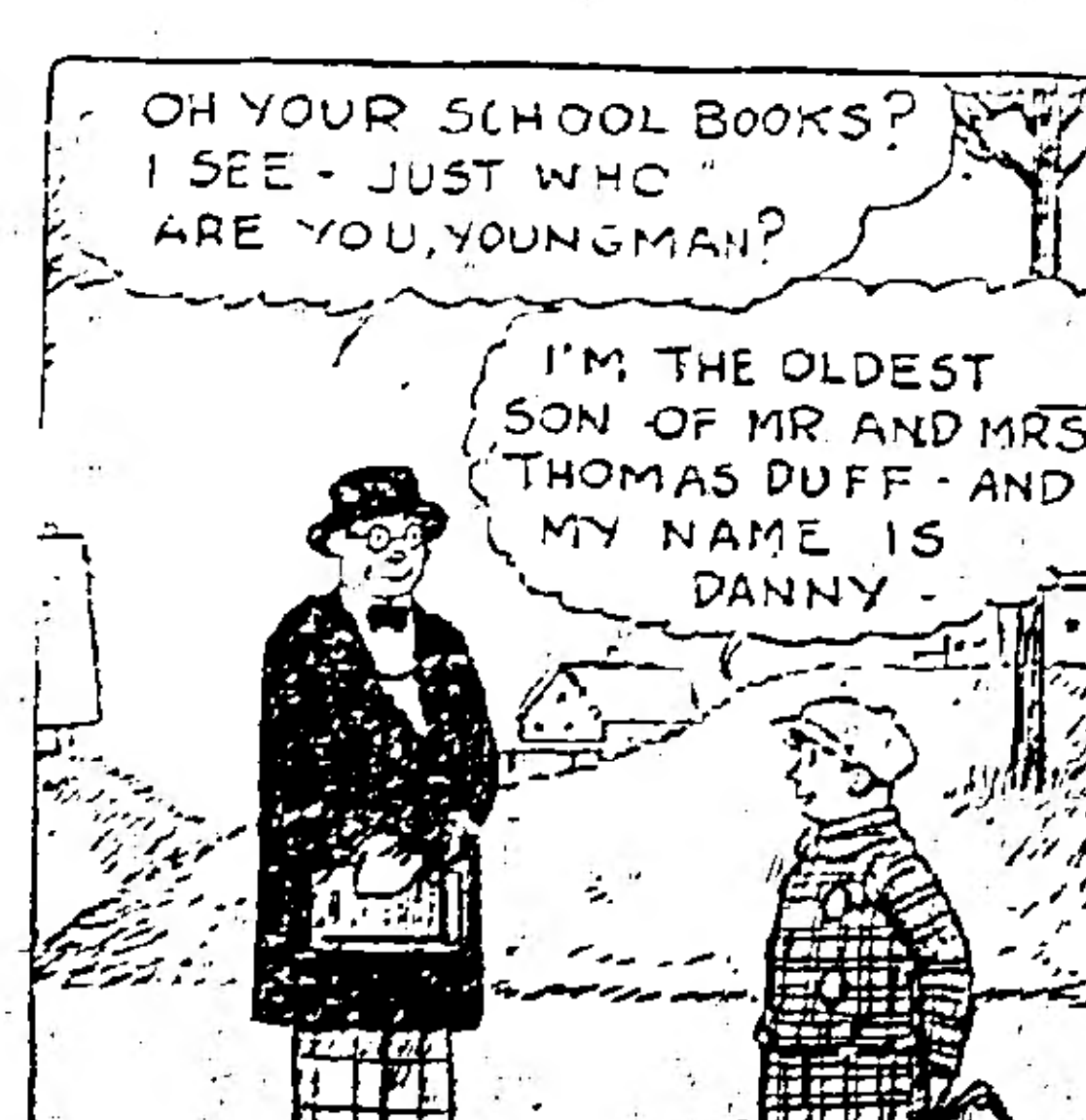
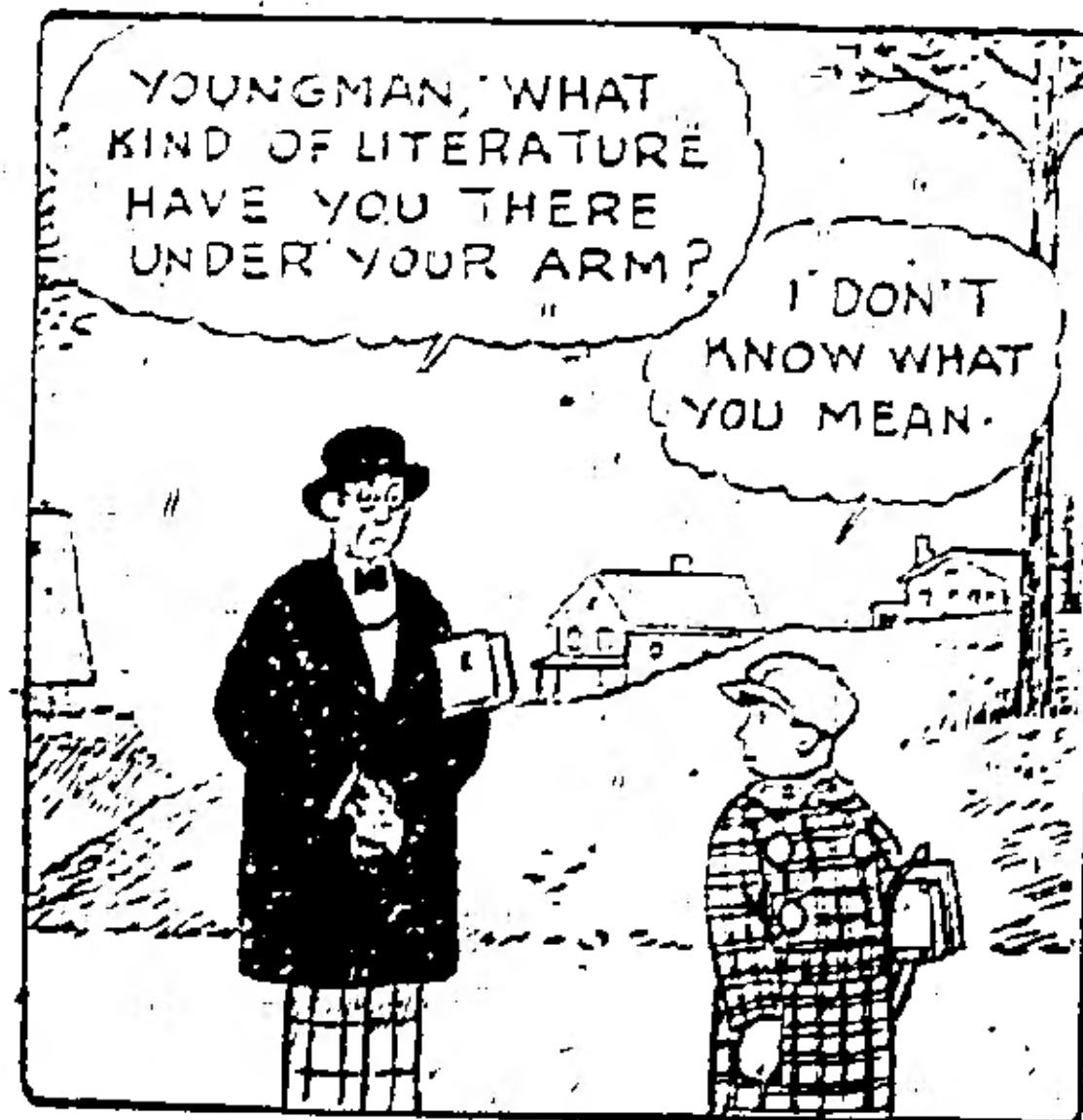
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MARRIAGE.

LEE-CURTIS. On the 21st,
December, at the Rosary Church,
Kowloon, by the Rev. Father
Spada, Robert A. Lees, son of the
late J.E.F. Lees, J.P., M.B.C.M.,
of Bury, England, to Dorothy
Emily Curtis, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Walter Vaughan Curtis,
of Hongkong.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 21st Dec., 1923.

CANTON LABOUR
THREATS.

Whether the threat of Canton
labour organisations to call a
general strike of all Chinese
employed on foreign ships if the
Customs dispute is not settled
according to the wishes of the
Sun Yat-sen regime is a piece of
bluff designed to scare the
Powers, or whether there is a real
danger of labour unrest resulting
time will tell. That the Labour
element is active and that it is
not being re-trained in its activity
by the Canton Government there
can be no doubt. Their leader,
Tse Ying-puk, declares that two
hundred and fifty Guilds under
his control are solidly behind the
Government, and he has informed
a *Telegraph* representative that
these bodies are now working
out schemes by which they
may throw their weight into the
scales.

In the past when Dr. Sun has
been in difficulties, he has relied
to a very considerable extent for
support by his followers amongst
the student and labouring classes.
He appears to be following the
same line now, for reports say
that he has called two leaders of
these factions before him and
authorised another big public
demonstration for Sunday next.
It is worthy of notice that last
week's demonstrations, although
described as public mass meet-
ings, were for the most part
attended by the labouring and
student classes—the stormy ele-
ments who would be much
more profitably employed in
working and studying than in
interfering in political questions
with which they are in no sense
competent to deal. These noisy
agitators can always be relied
upon to join in any movement
which appears to give them a
sense of being important; they

are often tools in the hands of
cleverer and some-times more
unscrupulous men. Politicians
who have the true welfare of
their country at heart should
hesitate to call such elements to
their aid—there is always a
danger of setting forces in motion
which cannot be controlled.

We shall be surprised if the
labouring class in particular
should really join in any strike
movement just to support Dr.
Sun on a political issue. What
will they have to gain, anyhow?
And have they already forgotten
the shameful scenes in Canton
produced by the commandeering
of many of their own class for
military transport work? They
have had precious little liberty
in Canton during the past year.
If they should take an active
part in the dispute, then we may
attribute the development either
to fear of the consequences of
refusal, or to the movement being
skillfully engineered by glib-
tongued leaders, most of whom
would be serving their country
better if they did a hard day's
work now and then. Unhappily,
past experience has shown us
that to the professional agitator
the Chinese worker is as clay in
the potter's hand. That fact is
well-known to Canton official-
dom, and quite possibly they are
relying on it now.

Greek Affairs.

For several years there has
been a continual tumult in Greece,
and one wonders how the ordinary
administration of the country has
continued through the vicissitudes
it has had to experience. There
was at one period a revolt against
King Constantine, and he left,
somewhat hurriedly, M. Venizelos,
the Cretan statesman, becoming
the temporary idol of the
people. Then "Tino" came
back, and the Allies were taken
to task for permitting the return
of a pro-German monarch. But
the King had to depart not very
long afterwards. The military
policy of the court at Athens led
to the campaign against the
Turks which developed into a
Greek disaster. For this, soldiers
and politicians paid the penalty,
being savagely executed after
what was described as a farcical
trial. Britain's representative
was withdrawn from Athens, and
for a while Greece was in
disgrace. Memories, however, are
necessarily short in international
diplomacy, and it was not long
before everything was as before.
The present King of Greece ap-
peared to have a big following,
and the Revolutionary regime was
too anomalous to last. With the
discovery of Royalist plots, which
very nearly meant another series
of executions, the popular vote
has turned in favour of a republic.
We find M. Venizelos back in
favour, and the King flitting to a
neighbouring State, after refusing
a demand to abdicate. A Greek
republic, with M. Venizelos as
President, might be a good idea, but
there will always be the Royalist
element, and M. Venizelos cannot
last forever. We do not want a
second Mexico in Europe. It
looks as if the Greek baby is
going to be a very troublesome
infant, and its foster parents must
be getting rather "fed up" by
now, especially with their many
other anxieties.

Britain and Russia.

It is somewhat amusing to read
that the Moscow diplomatic circle
is perturbed at the alleged
aggressive intentions of Britain
against Afghanistan. We have a
picture presented to us of these
arch plotters of Bolshevism weep-
ing "bitter crocodile tears" at the
thought that "the last buffer
State" between the Soviet hordes
and the British wolves might
cease to exercise its function as a
barriade. It is unfortunate for the
Moscow hypocrites that the
whole intelligent world knows
them too well to take them seri-
ously. Britain's great anxiety
for several decades has been to
have a neutral and truly inde-
pendent Afghanistan separating
the Indian dominions from Rus-
sian territory. Now that Tsarism
and the militarist aims of old
Russia have given place to the
aggressive malice of Bolshevism,
the British Government is
anxious to prevent the Soviet de-
signs on India coming to fruition
through the North-West frontier.
What must really be causing a

DAY BY DAY.

ONLY LOVE, STRONG AND SUB-
LIME, CAN BRING HELP TO
EUROPE.—J.F. Duhamel.

The Kowloon Dock Ball is to be
held on the 28th instant.

Amongst the passengers who
left by the Empress of Australia
were Dr. G. H. L. Fitzwilliams
and Mr. G. S. Archbutt.

There will be a special Christ-
mas Carol Service in St.
Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on
Sunday evening, when solos will
be sung by Mrs. Clements.

There were 21 fresh cases of
small-pox notified during the 24
hours ending yesterday. Fourteen
of these cases came from the
City. There was also one British
case of diphtheria.

In the Summary Court, before
Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morn-
ing, judgment for \$16 was entered
in favour of the Hongkong Cigar
Store Co., Ltd., against S.
Mosseldeen, for goods sold and
delivered.

After the run of "Fools and
Riches" finishes at the Grand
to-night, the big Griffith picture
"Way Down East" is due on
Christmas Day. Constance Talmage
in "Wedding Bells" and
Harold Lloyd in "Now or Never"
is the attraction announced.

A highway robbery is reported
to have occurred in the New
Territory on Tuesday. Wong Ki,
an ex-soldier, living at T. Shang-
hai Street, Yuenmii, informed
the police that at 11.30 on Tues-
day morning three men stopped
him on the railway lines near
Sheungshui village. He broke
away and bolted, but was inter-
cepted by eight other men, two
of them brandishing daggers.
The robbers relieved him of \$15
and a gold finger ring.

Convicted of stealing and kill-
ing a cat belonging to the Chinese
Engineers' Institute, in Connaught
Road Central, a Chinese cook was
sentenced to one month's hard
labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton
this morning. Another man was
also charged, but the case against
him was dismissed on the cook's
admission that the man was help-
ing him at his request. The
evidence showed that the cook,
who lives a few doors from the
Institute, was seen by a member
of the Institute scraping the dead
cat's hair on the roof preparatory
to cooking the carcass.

An interesting page of pictures
will appear in tomorrow's *Tele-
graph*. Photos of the football
teams, South China and "The
Rest," a group of the Chinese
Y.M.C.A. English Debating
Class; the whaler crew of H.M.S.
Despatch which won the Whaler
Class in the 1923 Regatta; a
view of the Library of Nanking
University, recently destroyed
by fire; a picture of an antique
seven-storied pagoda recently
presented to the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank in Shanghai and
a group of Shanghai woollen
piece goods merchants goes to
make up the page.

MANILA QUAKE.

DISTURBS SLEEPERS.

Manila, Dec. 21. A quake last-
ing few seconds occurred at 4
o'clock this morning in Verde
Island channel, 139 miles south
of Manila. It woke up many
who were asleep. *Router*.

Butter in the hearts of the "Red"
leaders is the realisation that
Britain has "tumbled to" their
game in Afghanistan, and is no
longer going to take things lying
down. The only way to convince
the jackals who snap at the lion's
flanks that the pastime is a
dangerous one is for the lion to
rouse itself and if necessary im-
pose painful correction on its
tormentors. This is what appears
to be happening, hence the frenzied
yelping in the jackal pack.
The Afghans would be far more
inclined to co-operate in subdu-
ing the murder gangs on the
frontier were it not
for the poisonous whispers from
the North and the fear that these
volleys of propaganda might
misfire can be discerned at
the bottom of the Soviet ap-
prehensions and calumnies.

FIGHTING NEAR
SHEKLUNG.

WOUNDED SENT TO
CANTON.

According to the latest reports
received here, fighting has been
taking place between Chan King-
ming's troops and the "Constitution-
alist" forces a few miles from
Shek Tan and Shek Lung. It
was particularly heavy on the
18th and 19th, and about 500
wounded soldiers have been sent
back to hospitals in Canton for
treatment. A large number of
reinforcements have been sent
from Canton.

It is reported that at a meeting
of the military commanders, held
at the Cement Works a few days
ago, Dr. Sun Yat-sen intimated
that he hoped to have \$10,000,000
in hand very soon to meet the
expenses of the proposed north-
ern expedition.

The Public Peace Bureau of
Canton has received an order
asking it to request all owners of
wharves to subscribe three
months' rent in advance to the
Government. It is stated that
the receipt for such a payment
could be used to pay any Govern-
ment taxes falling due during
the coming year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong
"Telegraph.")

The Customs Dispute.

Sir,—I should like to advise
Dr. Sun Yat-sen to leave the
Customs Surplus alone, not dare
to think about taking it or start
any of his absurd capers. He
should mind his own business
and not interfere with Peking's
affairs. He has already made
enough suffering for the people
of Kwangtung by drastic laws,
without making any more.
The farmers, merchants and
others should rise up
against him and his fol-
lowers and drive them out
of Kwangtung, which would
be a great blessing to the people.

Regarding the Labour Party
agitating to help him to accom-
plish his threats, I think they
ought to be ashamed of them-
selves. They will ruin China the
same as the Soviet has done to
poor Russia.

I would advise the Labour
Party to think twice before leap-
ing into so silly and babyish a
method. What they should think
about is to find a method or way
to get rid of the tyrants of
Kwangtung. This would be a
god-send to the subdued people
and also for China as a whole.

Yours etc.

THE PEOPLE'S FRIEND.

Hongkong, Dec. 21st, 1923.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

QUEEN'S ROAD AND
PEDDER STREET.

Owing to the low floor level of
the new A.P.C. building in Queen's
Road and the fact that the floor
of the new building on the old
Post Office site, on the other side
of Queen's Road, is on an exact
level with it, it has been found
necessary to alter the road levels
at the top of Pedder Street and
the Queen's Road corner. Work-
men are now busy on this
alteration.

We learn that on the Queen's
Road-Pedder Street corner the
height of the road is going to be
lowered seven inches, whilst
along Queen's Road, opposite the
new theatre, it has to be raised
nearly 18 inches. The bottom
few yards of Wyndham Street
will have a steeper gradient than
now, and it was at one time
proposed to put a flight of steps
there, but that project has been
abandoned. Later on, the dip in
Pedder Street will be taken out
and a uniform gradient made
right from Des Voeux Road to
Queen's Road. It is also pro-
posed to raise the level of
Queen's Road, from Pedder Street
to Ico House Street, so that from
the bottom of Battery Path
there will be one level road right
along to the Central Market.
This latter improvement will only
be possible when re-buildings
have allowed floor levels to be
raised, as has been done in the
case of the new Bank of China
building.

KOWLOON FLAT
DISPUTE.

CLAIM AGAINST NATHAN
ROAD TENANT.

A claim by Mr. Chan Shun-zeo
against Mr. R. A. Clark for pos-
session of the first floor of No. 33,
Nathan Road, Kowloon, occupied
by Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the
Summary Court, the greater part
of this morning.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr.
M. M. Watson, while the defence
was conducted by Mr. F. G. Vaux.

Mr. Watson, outlining the facts,
said the flat was let to a Mr.
Boulderson sometime ago. The
rent for June, July, August,
and September was in arrears,
and on Nov. 17th, the landlord
obtained an order for possession.
Defendant claimed that he went
into the flat sometime in Septem-
ber as a sub-tenant, and the rent
of \$70 a month from September to
date had been paid into Court.
On Oct. 6th a letter was received
from Mr. Clark, stating that he
was looking after the flat for Mr.
Boulderson and would the landlord
collect the rent. The shroff
called. He was offered the rent
for September, but as rent was
owing for four months, he refus-
ed to accept it.

Mr. Watson submitted that he
was entitled to possession, be-
cause the defendant said he was
only occupying the flat and was
paying the rent for Mr. Boulderson.
If defendant was not a
caretaker but a tenant, then Mr.
Boulderson contended that defen-
dant was not protected by the
Rents Ordinance. The
tenancy of Mr. Boulderson hav-
ing expired, *ipso facto* the sub-
tenancy of Mr. Clark went with it.

Mr. Clark, a clerk in the Royal
Naval Yard, giving evidence, said
he took possession on Sept. 23rd.
Hearing through an advertise-
ment in the newspapers that the
flat was to let, he got in touch
with Mr. Boulderson and came to
an agreement to take over the
flat and to purchase the furniture
for \$400, including fixtures and
fittings. He was informed that
the rent for September had not
been paid. He, therefore, obtain-
ed \$70 from Mr. Boulderson and
on Oct. 10th offered it to the
shroff, who refused to accept it.
When Mrs. Boulderson
handed over the keys to
witness she told him that the
rent was two months in
arrears; Mr. Boulderson was
then not in the Colony, but he
would pay this money to the
landlord. Mr. Clark admitted
that his letter was somewhat
misleading, but he contended that
he was a sub-tenant of Mr.
Boulderson.

Cross-examining on a letter
given to Mr. Clark by Mr.
Boulderson when defendant took
over, Mr. Watson asked defendant
what he meant by becoming a
tenant during Mr. Boulderson's
absence? When Mr. Boulderson
returned to the Colony,
was Mr. Clark going to
give the flat back to him?
Mr. Clark replied that he was
a sub-tenant.

Mr. Watson suggested that
defendant had taken over the flat
while Mr. Boulderson was away
and that had been written down.
When Mr. Boulderson returned
defendant was going to stand on
his rights under the Rents
Ordinance.

Mr. Watson elicited from
defendant that he knew the
landlord was negotiating with
Mr. Boulderson to get the flat
back.

In his address for the defence,
Mr. Vaux submitted that it
seemed clear that while negotia-
tions were on, Mr. Boulderson
made a better bargain by sub-
letting the flat to Mr. Clark. As
defendant did not occupy the flat
for the whole of September and
the rent for that month was paid
by Mr. Boulderson, that explained
his statement in the letter to the
landlord that he was paying for
Mr. Boulderson.

His Honour reserved his
decision.

JAPAN'S FASCISTI.

Signor Mussolini received on
Nov. 3, in Rome, Mr. Marato
Somatani, who has been sent by
Mr. Sanjo Muto, the founder of
the Japanese Fascista movement
—Yitugyo Doshikai, as it is
called in Japan. Mr. Somatani
was presented to the Premier by
Mr. Shimoi, Professor of Japan-
ese at the Oriental Institute of
Naples. Signor Mussolini was
greatly interested to hear of the
political conditions and moral
problems of Japan. The Premier
promised to send a message of
greeting and good wishes to the
new Japanese Fascista move-
ment.

CANTON OUTLOOK.

(Continued from Page 1)

"The Signatory Powers of the Final Protocol of September 7th, 1901, derive from that Protocol the right to ensure priority of payment of interest and amortization of certain foreign loans secured on the Customs Revenues to 1901 and of payment of interest and amortization of Indemnity mentioned in Article 6 thereof, but no Treaty right has been conferred upon them to decide for what purpose the Chinese Government shall use funds which at the end of such year shall remain at the disposal of that Government after service of the said loans and indemnity shall have been entirely provided for."

"Moreover, by agreement between the Diplomatic Body and the Chinese Government of January 30th, 1912, the former were practically appointed trustees of the Chinese Maritime Customs revenues for protection of the above-mentioned services, but that agreement did not confer upon the Corps Diplomatique the power to allocate the surplus."

"As to payment out to surplus for certain domestic loans, to which C.C. Wu in his letter to the senior Consular representative refers, it has to be pointed out that the Corps Diplomatique are in no way concerned with the service of the loans, which were initiated without their previously being consulted."

Finally, the reply contains a reminder that the arrangement by which the existing "Constitutionalist Government" at Canton was handed over a certain percentage of the Customs Surplus in 1919-1920 was arrived at between that Government and the Chinese Government of Peking. The Corps Diplomatique on the occasion neither took an active part nor did they act as intermediary for the conclusion of that arrangement. It is evident they could not do so now either."

SUN CABLES BRITISH LABOUR LEADER.

An important move has just come from Dr. Sun. I learn that this morning he caused to be dispatched, over his signature, a cable to England containing an official communication to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the leader of the Labour Party, on the situation, with particular reference to the assembly of naval ships on the river. It contained also a criticism of the part played by the British Consul General in the present situation."

The Canton Government water-tain great hopes from the growing power of the Labour Party in England. It transpires also that Dr. Sun had met before. This was in England at a time when both were in the early days of their political careers. A community of interest is stated to have brought them together, and it is hoped from this that a solution satisfactory to the Canton Government will be achieved as a result of correspondence on the subject."

The Yung-pak disclosed that he had received a question from the Labour Guilds of Hongkong as to the participation of Kwangtung Labour Organisation in the negotiations, but informed me that he had not as yet informed them of what he intended to do yet."

A HONGKONG CIRCULAR.

There is being distributed in Hongkong at present a circular printed in Chinese, urging a boycott of British and American goods as a protest against foreign action in sending warships to Canton in connection with the Customs dispute. We have to-day received by post two copies of this circular, which is issued by an organisation styling itself "The People of Hongkong and Brethren Society for Saving the Country." We presume the authorities are aware of the distribution of these leaflets."

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OPIUM SMUGGLING.

SOME COMMENTS BY OUR GOVERNOR.

The Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to opium, which passed all its remaining stages at the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, was the subject of comment by H. E. the Governor, on the culpability of ships' crews in smuggling and the lack of support for the authorities from shipping companies. Sir Edward Stubbs said, with reference to a statement by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang concerning the impossibility of proving that ships' officers or their servants, or the crew, were not implicated in smuggling, that this impossibility arose in many cases from the fact that the persons indicated were so implicated. It was extremely difficult to believe that any cases arose in which some member of the crew was not concerned. Sir Edward added that he was afraid the Government had not received from the shipping companies of the Colony the support they had a right to expect, and that the companies had not dealt sufficiently severely with members of their crew when there had been a question of opium smuggling and a doubt had been thrown on the *bona fides* of the men. "To put it quite frankly, it is a fact well known to everybody that the commanders of the shipping firms have a great deal too much to do with this matter, and that an officer who is too strict in looking for opium smuggling is afraid of getting into trouble with the companies and of not being supported by his employers."

His Excellency then commented on the specific case of the *Loong Sang*, to which Mr. Lang had referred, saying: "I am not a sea-faring man but I venture to submit that it is impossible to examine a propeller shaft tunnel while the ship is under way, and I think that is a matter which might have been enquired into, as to who gave instructions that the examination should not be made until the ship was under weigh at a time when discovery was practically impossible. He thought the Magistrate's comments, in that case, on the alleged penalising effect of the law on shipowners, were scarcely in accordance with the evidence which had been received."

The clause reading that the owners, agents, and master of a ship shall be culpable in a smuggling transaction unless it be proved that none of the officers, their servants, or crew be implicated, which Mr. Lang had sought to have omitted, was thereupon approved, and passed with the remaining clauses of the Ordinance."

PASSPORTS AND DEPORTATION.

QUESTION OF A MAGISTRATE'S POWERS.

At the Legislative Council yesterday, the second reading, committee stage and third reading of the Ordinance regulating the admission of persons into the Colony were passed."

The Hon. Mr. Pollock suggested that the power vested by the new regulations in a magistrate, who could for certain offences, order the expulsion of a person from the Colony, should be vested in H.E. the Governor. The Governor in Council would be a better authority to determine whether anybody arriving without a passport should be expelled."

The Attorney General said the object of the clause was to give the power to a judicial officer. In the course of the discussion H. E. the Governor suggested they had best pass the law then as it stood, the question to be whether they should amend it later. The Attorney General pointed out that one advantage of giving the power to a Magistrate was that a man had an opportunity of stating his case against an order for expulsion. The Ordinance was eventually passed without amendment of this clause."

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FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. H.M.S. TITANIA.

The following team has been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in their League match against H.M.S. Titania to-morrow on St. Joseph's ground at 4 p.m.:—F. Wheeler; J. Morton and T. L. Knight; J. Leonard, J. McKelvie and H. G. Wheeler; K. Mason, C. Millard, A. Latham, B. Pasco and A. Duncan. Reserve: E. Cooke."

KOWLOON 2ND v. EAST SURREY RES.

In this League match to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., Kowloon, playing at home, will be represented by J. Beach; F. Ollier and D. Urquhart; S. Randle, S. Sibley and B. Rasmussen; V. Hast, B. Vickers, W. H. Brown, A. Spary and E. T. Haylock. Reserves: L. H. Taylor and S. Chapman."

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

On Christmas day, commencing at 2.30 p.m., and on Boxing day, commencing at 10.15 a.m., the following team will represent the Club against the United Services:—H. R. B. Hancock (capt.), T. E. Pearce, A. A. Claxton, G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, Rev. E. K. Quick, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, E. G. Lammeret and A. C. I. Bowker."

SHANGHAI INTERPORT TEAM v. THE RES.

On Saturday, commencing at 2.15 p.m., and on New Year's day, commencing at 10.15 a.m., the following team will play in the match Last Shanghai Interport Team v. The Res:

Last Shanghai Interport Team: T. E. Pearce (capt.), G. R. Sayer, A. A. Claxton, Rev. E. K. Quick, A. E. Wood, H. Owen Hughes, A. A. Rumsjohn, H. N. Balhatchet, U. M. Omar, Capt. E. R. S. Dods and H. E. Hollands."

The Res: H. R. B. Hancock (capt.), R. E. O. Bird, R. E. A. Webster, E. P. Reed, F. J. R. Mitchell, B. D. Evans, G. F. More, E. G. Lammeret, F. J. de Rome, A. C. I. Bowker and A. C. I. Bowker."

The following have been selected to represent the Indian P.C. in their League match with the Navy on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. on the former's ground: A. el Arculli (Capt.), S. H. Ismail, P. Madar, U. M. Omar, A. H. Madar, J. S. Curran, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, H. D. Rumsjohn, and A. H. Rumsjohn. Reserve: F. M. Arculli."

HOCKEY.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES.

On Wednesday, an excellent match took place between the Club and the Navy at the U.S.R.C. Neither was at full strength, but on the whole they were equally matched and a hard, fast game resulted. At the beginning the Club did not get going properly and the Navy scored the only goal of this half."

After the interval, the Navy forward became somewhat disorganised and the Club, playing up, began to have the better of the game. More equalised for them and then Woodward, neatly taking a good pass from Plummer on the right wing, put them ahead. A little later, the Navy drew level through a goal by Lake, but shortly afterwards More scored the winning goal for the Club."

For the Navy, Worthington at centre-half and Gregory at back were prominent, and for the Club Mitchell, Sim, and Murray were outstanding in the defence, while among the forwards More made good use of his speed."

CLUB 2ND v. UNIVERSITY.

At Happy Valley on the same day, the newly-constituted Club 2nd team met the University. Both sides suffered from lack of practice and the ground was not conducive to accuracy, but a fast and pleasant game was played."

The University combined better and scored the only goal of the first half, through Shahabudin, after a short passing movement by their forwards. In the second half, the play was fairly even and the University scored again through Leong Ho-wing. The Club, however, kept on pressing and towards the end Faers scored a goal for them. Among the University players Osman and Rumsjohn were noticeable, and Remington and Rowell were good in the Club defence. University won by 2 goals to 1."

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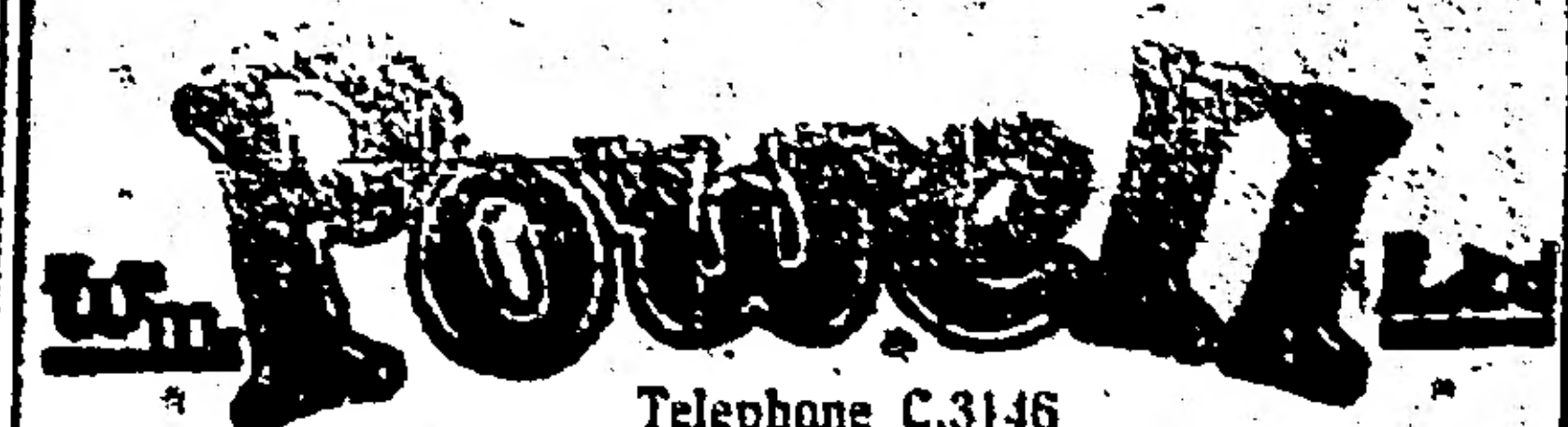
FANCY DRESS BALL.

GAY SCENE AT THE CITY HALL.

St. Andrew's and St. George's Halls presented a very gay appearance last night, when a fancy dress ball in aid of the Naval and Dockyard branch of the M.C.L. was held. The function was organised by Mrs. Grace, who was materially assisted by Miss Primrose Grace, and it was a huge success. There were some five hundred dancers present, including Lady Stubbs and a party from Government House. His Excellency the Governor and H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson were unable to be present."

Some extremely novel and effective costumes were seen, and the general ensemble was altogether striking. A word of praise must be penned regarding the beautiful illuminations and decorations, which were carried out under the respective supervision of Lieutenant Jackson and Lieut.-Commander Beresford. At the head of the staircase there was a splendid illuminated model of H.M.S. Tamar."

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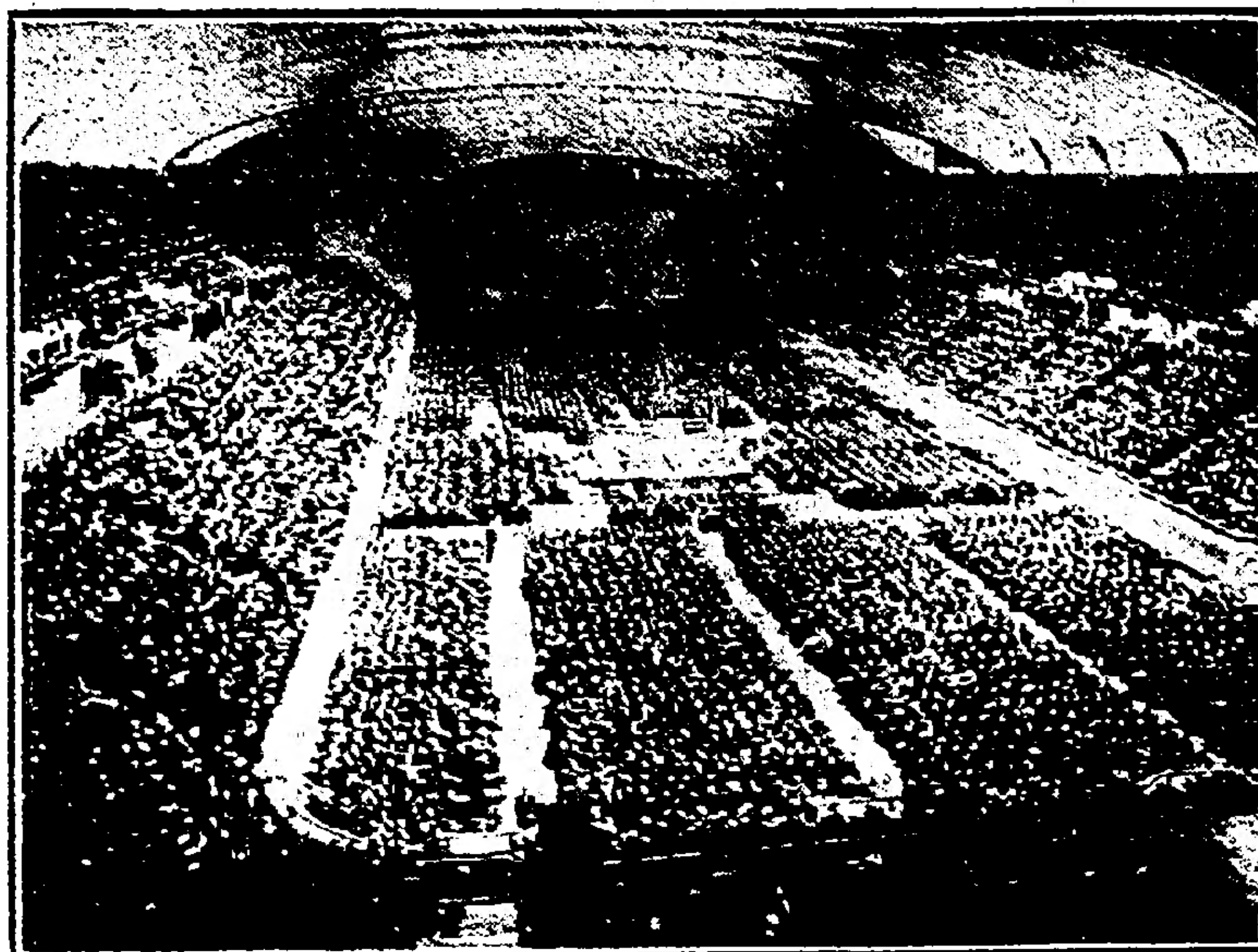
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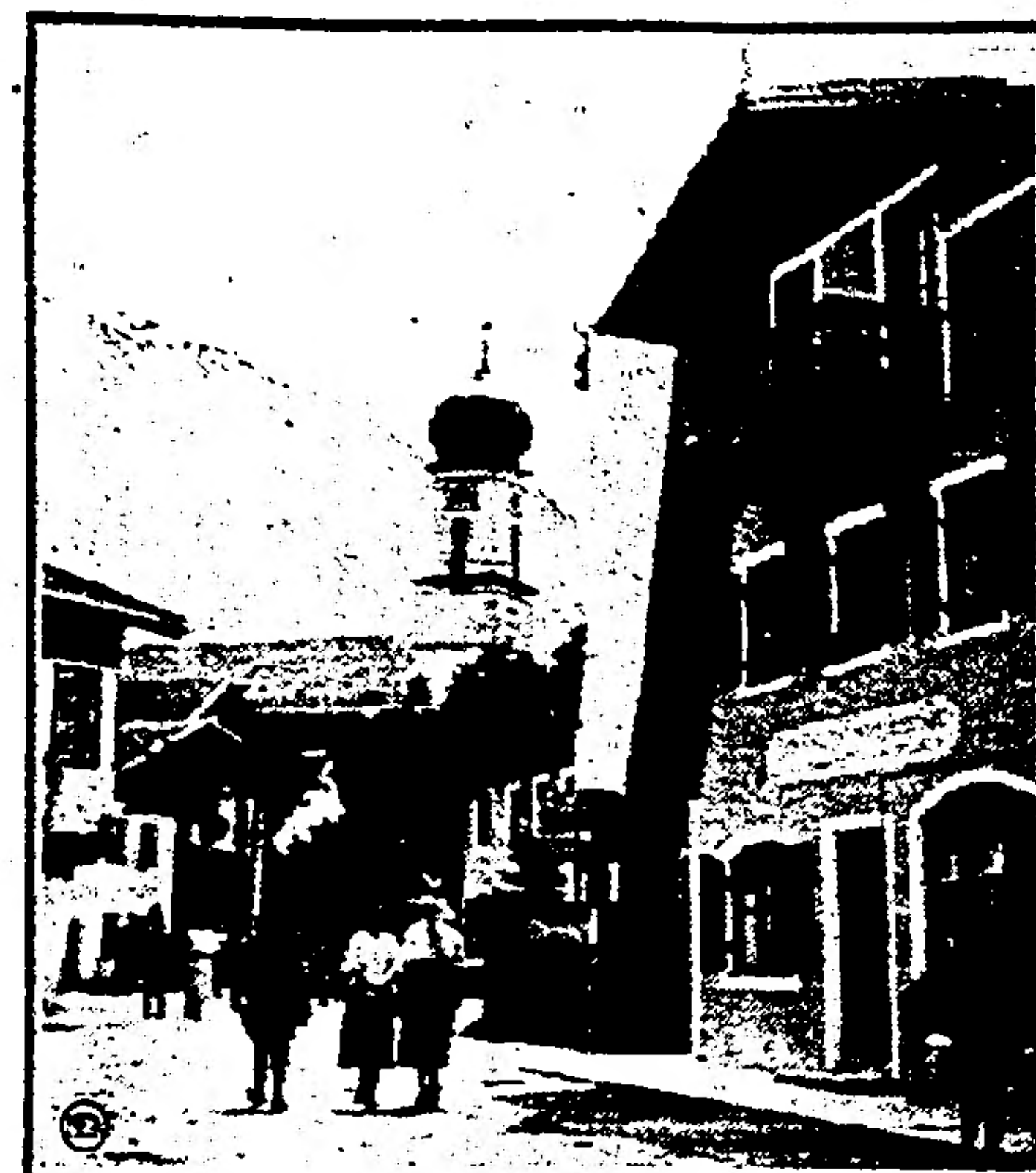
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CAMERA NEWS.



If the Republican National Committee decides to hold its 1924 presidential nominating convention in Cleveland, this is where the delegates will meet and choose their candidate. Photo shows an interior view of Cleveland's mammoth public auditorium. It has a seating capacity of 12,500.



This is Main Street, Oberammergau. In miniature this section of the little Alpine village will be produced and will form part of the exhibit which the world-famous Passion players are to hold at Grand Central Palace, New York, the last week of this month.



Some Berlin citizen has been fortunate (?) enough to get hold of a suitcase of paper money—million mark notes. He had to have a policeman to help him get it safely out of the Reichsbank.



On the spot of this memorial to the re-created America the last Confederate troops surrendered. It is on the Bonnett Farm, three miles west of Durham. The chimney of the farmhouse still stands. The two columns represent the North and South and the caption over them reads "Unity."



Photo shows police on roof at Hamburg, Germany, during fight against Communists.



Heroism of Chief Gunner Bradley, U.S.N., during the landing of U.S. naval forces at Vera Cruz in 1914, went by virtually unnoticed for more than nine years. But recognition finally came the other day. Bradley was awarded the Congressional medal of honour, the highest award his country can give.



Here is an employee of the Reichsbank in Berlin counting the paper money—a good way to pass the time.



A view of the giant French airship "Dixmude," which has established a world's record. It has returned from Cuera after a flight over the Mediterranean, North Africa and France, making a record of 118 hours, beating the flight made by the ZR-31 by 10 hours.



* Celia Montalvan, one of the most popular actresses on the Mexican stage.

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"SAARBRUKEN"		First week in Feb.	

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.
 NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
 Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1923.

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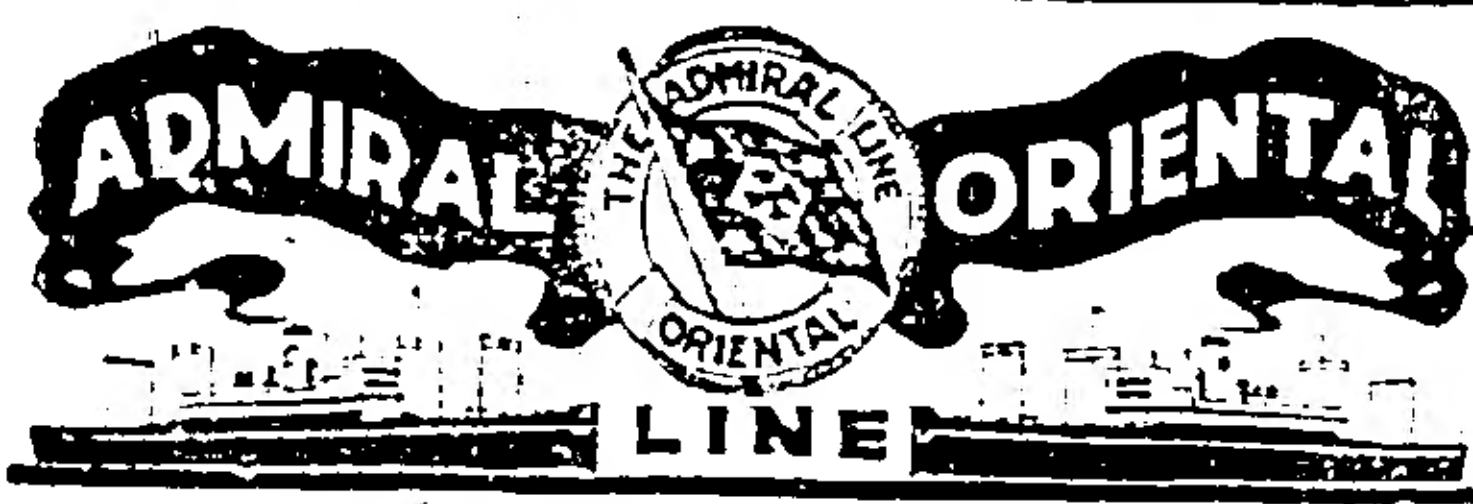
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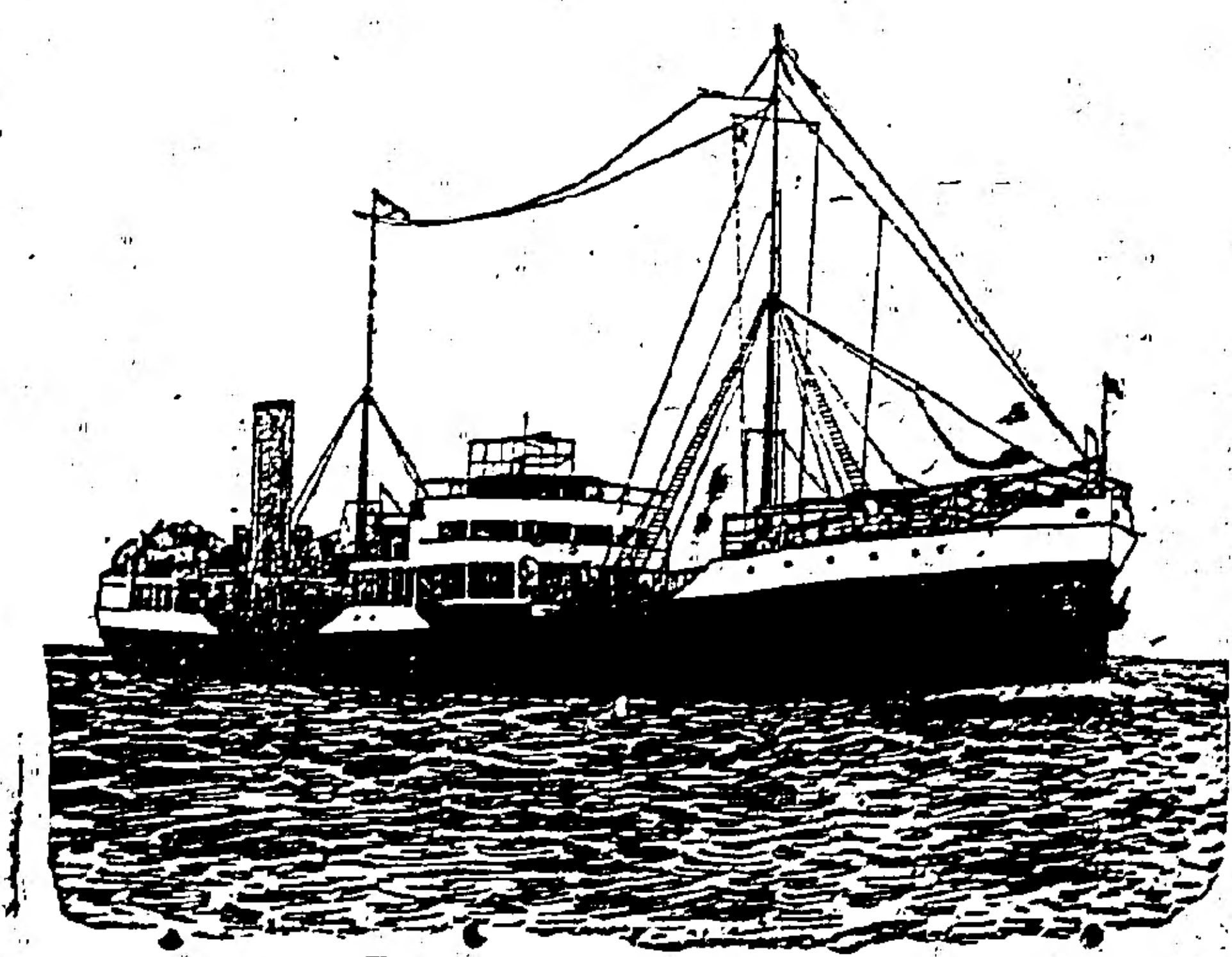
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Steamers	For	Sailing on or about
ZOSMA	R'dam, A'dam, Hamburg, Bremen	1st Jan.
OLDEKERK	R'dam, A'dam, Hamburg, Bremen	2nd half Jan.
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KHIVA	9,097	13th Jan.	M'les, London & Antwerp
SICILIA	6,813	19th Jan.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'way
MACEDONIA	11,089	26th Jan.	B'way, M'les, L'lon, A'werp
KASHGAR	8,840	9th Feb.	M'les, London, & Antwerp
SOUHAN	6,696	13th Feb.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'way

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

TAKADA	6,949	27th Dec.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
TORILLA	3,205	22nd Jan.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

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ARAFURA	6,000	5th Jan.	Manila, Thurs. 1st, Cairns
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KASHGAR	8,840	29th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SICILIA	6,813	5th Jan.	Shanghai
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th Jan.	Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,911	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARWALA	9,998	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SOLDAN	6,696	1st Feb.	Shanghai

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KASHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 2nd Jan.

HAKONE MARU ... Wednesday, 16th Jan.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.

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TANGO MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Dec.

YOSHINO MARU ... Wednesday, 16th Jan.

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TATSUNO MARU ... Saturday, 12th Jan.

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KAWACHI MARU (Callings Delagoa Bay) Monday, 1st Dec.

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YOMEL MARU ... Monday, 24th Dec.

YAMBA MARU ... Friday, 26th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

CEYLON MARU ... Sunday, 24th Dec.

AWA MARU ... Thursday, 21st Jan.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU ... Thursday, 10th Jan.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

BUREN MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Dec.

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ANNA ... Sunday, 30th Dec.

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SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Sat. 22nd Dec. at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wingsang		Sun. 23rd Dec. at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via Swatow Wingsang		Tues. 25th Dec. at 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow Kwasang		Tues. 25th Dec. at 10 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Chipshing		Thurs. 27th Dec. at 10 a.m.
KOBE	Namsang	Thurs. 27th Dec. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Foshing		Fri. 28th Dec. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Taisang		Sun. 30th Dec. at 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via Hoihow Chunsang		Sun. 30th Dec. at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Lalsang	Mon. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
TAO via S'ow & S'hai	Yatsing	Wed. 2nd Jan. at 7 a.m.
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Prior to the luncheon, the shield and cups were formally handed to the custody of the City Corporation.

Sir George Truscott, Acting Lord Mayor, who presided, proposed the toast of "The Winning Teams."

Lord Cottesloe (captain of the English eight), in reply, said the distinguishing feature of rifle shooting as a sport was its extremely sportsmanlike, clean, and friendly character. It was because of its direct and indirect advantage in the military training and equipment of the country that rifle shooting was valuable, serious

and he would much rather see it carried on on a comparatively small scale than see its importance exaggerated, if that meant that it would lose its present friendly and sportsmanlike and clean methods.

Proposing the health of the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Lord Cheylesmore said the Mansion House was practically the birthplace of the National Rifle Association, which, during the war, did great work. He remembered going to Lord Kitchener and making the suggestion that they should raise a battalion of Bisley shots. Lord Kitchener remarked: "Would it not be a mistake to put all those eggs into one basket?"

Lord Cheylesmore then suggested they should form a school of musketry, and they turned out twelve thousand instructors for the new battalions (cheers). The N. R. A. is a national asset and deserves the support of the Government. It was rather

BANDIT CHIEF EXECUTED.**INSTIGATOR OF LINCHING OUTRAGE.**

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 20. Private notices from Shanghai say that Sun Mei-yun, leader at the Linching outrages, was executed at Tsoochung yesterday on a charge of instigating against the Central Government.

Under the terms of the release of the Linching captives, Sun was made a brigadier general in the Army and has since been stationed at Tsoochung. It is understood that Sun recently refused a transfer to Hupoh. It is alleged that he permitted his troops to maul and his execution was ordered by General Chang Pei-yun, Military Commissioner at Yenchow.

A CHINESE TEACHER'S DEATH.**CORONER'S ENQUIRY.**

At the Magistrate's post-mortem yesterday afternoon Mr. N. L. Smith conducted an enquiry into the death of the Chinese teacher, Mr. Yik-fong, who died at the Government Civil Hospital in December 21st.

The following formed the jury:—Messrs. C. C. Stark, J. M. Gutter, and C. O. Baptista.

Dr. C. W. McKenny, of the Government Civil Hospital, deposed that the deceased was a patient at the hospital on November 21st, suffering from slight fever due to influenza. He attended to him several times, and on each occasion found his mental condition normal. At 7.20 on the morning of the 22nd he was sent for to the ward and there found the deceased in bed with a laminae round his neck, the man having cut his throat with a table knife. There was no bleeding. Later in the day he was informed that the deceased's wound was bleeding. He attended to him and stopped the haemorrhage. The deceased died at 2.55 p.m. the same day. Next day witnesses performed the post-mortem examination, which showed an old disease of the heart muscle. The cause of death was heart failure due to influenza and, to some extent, to the shock from the cut in the neck. Dr. McKenny expressed the opinion that the cut wound in itself would not have caused death had the deceased had a sound heart.

Evidence was given by a European nurse of the hospital and a fellow patient of the deceased, after which the jury retired.

After a short adjournment the jury returned a verdict that the deceased died from heart failure aggravated by influenza and the shock from the wound.

MILLIONAIRE'S**DIVORCE SUIT FAILS.**

A New York jury has found in favour of Mrs. W. E. D. Stokes in the case in which her husband, the well-known multi-millionaire, sought for the second time to obtain a divorce. Mrs. Stokes afterwards intimated that she would proceed with her application for a separation next week.

The Stokes divorce case has been hanging in the Courts since 1921, when Mr. Stokes first brought the suit. Sensational allegations have been made against the character of Mrs. Stokes, who is a beautiful woman of thirty-six. Last month, in the Chicago Courts, Mrs. Stokes brought an action as a result of which her husband and six others were indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy to "ruin her reputation. One of their allegations was that Mrs. Stokes had been a habitué of the "Everleigh Club," a well-known den of vice in the old disreputable district of Chicago, before the war. Mrs. Stokes flatly denied all the charges.



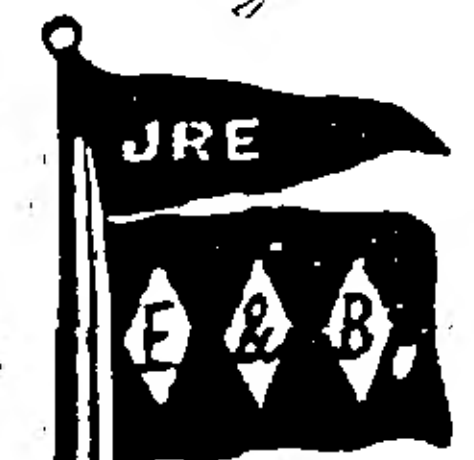
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